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--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

At least one carcass ply is formed by depositing a strip element comprising longitudinal thread elements incorporated into a layer of elastomer material onto a toroidal support. Deposition of the strip element takes place in alternated deposition sections each comprising two radially-extending side portions and a crown portion extending at a radially external position. The side portions of each deposition section are at least partly overlapped with side portions belonging to an adjacent deposition section. Associated with the carcass ply are annular structures comprising a circumferentially inextensible annular insert axially external to an anchoring element. A belt structure, a tread band, and sidewalls are combined with the thus-formed carcass structure to define a tire to be submitted to a vulcanization step.--

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